Federal Election Commission Office of the General Council Attn: Peter Reynolds 999 E Street NW

Washington, D. C. 20463

RE: MUR 7053 Spanky LLC

May 20, 2016

Dear Mr. Reynolds,



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MUR # 7053

I am in receipt of a letter from the FEC regarding MUR 7053 and a potential decision that Spanky LLC violated a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. While there is no typed date on your letter, there is a stamped date of May 11, 2016. I am assuming that this is the date of your letter.

On behalf of Spanky LLC, I am submitting factual and legal materials that are relevant to the Commission's Aconsideration of this matter. While there have been no statements made under oath; information has been submitted 4 from various persons involved in this situation with copies of original documents as back up.

Facts and Assumptions are addressed in order of appearance in the letter received May 16, 2016.

Facts and Assun Facts Stated by the FEC 1. Viol

- 1. Violation of 52 USC § 30116 (a)
 - a. Spanky, LLC's Corporate structure is in question. The FEC quoted a Seattle Times article of August 1, 2012 by Mike Baker. The referenced article spends more time on the celebrity of Mr. Loftus's wife than facts.
 - b. Spanky, LLC is a Limited Liability Company in the State of California.
 - i. Formed for the specific purpose of loaning funds to various real estate and other investments as deemed appropriate by its management.
 - ii. Corporate Papers (included with this response) demonstrate the structure of the corporation. California ArtIcles of Organization enclosed.
 - iii. Tax forms included show Spanky LLC is a Limited Liability Company with NO partnership distribution of any kind.
 - iv. List of loans made to other entities by Spanky LLC in the course of normal business.
- 2. FEC states that on July 5, 2012 the Flemming Committee made a \$150,000 disbursement to Spanky which it reported as repayment on the March 7, 2012 loan of \$100,700.
 - a. This is incorrect: the disbursement was for \$100,000 of the first loan, leaving a balance of \$700 from the first loan which was made March 7, 2012 via wire transfer.
 - b. The additional \$50,000 from this disbursement was toward the balance of \$100,000 and \$700 from the 1st loan made on June 29, 2012 via wire transfer, leaving a balance owed to Spanky of \$50,700 from the Committee. This amount, by contract, was due paid in full plus interest December 31, 2012.
 - c. Copies of "promissory note" for each loan demonstrating normal business practices with interest and due date are with this letter.
- 3. The Commission letter states that a series of requests to the Flemming for Congress Committee were sent regarding status of Spanky LLC structure. No one associated with Spanky LLC, nor anyone

associated with its management has knowledge of what was said by the Flemming Campaign to the FEC.

- 4. On page 3 of 5, your footnote #14 references entities that may make loans to Campaigns. At the time of the request for the initial loan, Spanky LLC did not hire an Attorney experienced with the nuances of the FEC, rather referenced the Federal Elections Commission Candidate Guide of 2011.
 - a. Reference: Congressional Candidates and Committees August 2011 Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide: page 36 #2 Brokerage Loans and Other Lines of Credit Obtained by Candidate:

Both Schedule C-1 and Schedule C-P-1 (for Fresidential candidates) include a statement to be signed by an officer of the lending institution certifying that the information provided by the committee is accurate and that the terms and conditions of the loan comply with FEC rates.

2. Brokerage Loans and Other Lines of Credit Obtained by Candidate

Candidates may use funds derived from an advance on their brokerage account, credit card account or other line of credit to finance their campaigns, if the extension of credit is:

- · In accordance with applicable law:
- · Under commercially reasonable terms; and
- Made by persons who make such loans in the normal course of their business.

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An overdraft that does not meet the above conditions is a prohibited contribution, 114.2. Note that if the overdraft protection is based on a line of credit extended by the bank, draws on that line of credit must be disclosed on Schedule C-1, as discussed above

4. Investment Income

interest garned on investments, such as incerest carned on invested funds and dividends earned on securities, are not considered contributions. Such funds, however, must be transferred back into the main campaign depository before being disbursed by the campaign. Additionally, tax laws apply if a committee receives interest from a bank it must list that bank on the committee's Form 1.See (03.3(a):AOs (999-08.1997-06, 1986-19 and 1986-39, as well as Appendix G. "Compliance with Other Laws."

b. Referencing The Olympian News Paper article by Brad Shannon, Published August 1, 2012: Please note that Paul Ryan, Attorney in Washington D. C. stated that the loan from Spanky LLC to Flemming for Congress appeared to be legal.

From BRAD SHANNON | Staff writer • Published August 01, 2012 Modified July 31, 2012 BRAD SHANNON The Olympian

Paul Ryan, senior counsel to the nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center in Washington,

D.C., said the loan "could be allowed, depending on the details of the loan."

He said the FEC has two provisions – one explicitly dealing with bank loans and the other dealing with brokerage loans and lines of credit to candidates.

"It is that (latter) regulation that permits loans to candidates by almost any entity

provided they meet two conditions," Ryan said, basing his opinion on the plain language of the rules. "There is nothing in the rule requiring the lender to be as formal as a brokerage."

The two conditions for loans are:that they be made on commercially reasonable terms and be made in the normal course of the lender's business, two conditions Flemming's campaign says are met. Ryan said he was not expert enough to say if an 8 percent rate on an unsecured loan was reasonable.

- c. Page 4 of 5 of the Commission's letter does not take in to consideration the Candidate Guide published by the Federal Elections Commission regarding "loans". Referencing the guide as stated prior to this paragraph, the loans that Spanky LLC created used normal business practice guidelines, interest rate and date due. Spanky LLC is NOT taxed as a partnership as demonstrated by the Tax Return Provided with this letter, therefore may make a loan to a candidate.
- 5. Page 5 of 5 of the Commission's letter references time line payback as being excessive and out of compliance.
 - a. Spanky LLC contends that the 60 day window for repayment the Commission's letter references becomes a non-issue with the loan(s) in question originating with an entity that was permitted to make these loans.
 - b. Spanky LLC should not be penalized for having to go to excessive lengths to collect the repayment of the \$50,700 plus interest for the 2nd loan; hiring 2 attorney's with several demand letters to Stanley Flemming and the Campaign.
 - c. Stanley Flemming was advised multiple times by his Campaign Consultant that the loan had to be repaid as stated in the loan papers. Spanky LLC made demand for payment notices, hired 2 attorney's to collect the past due amount from Flemming for Congress/Stanley Flemming.

Timeline for demands of repayment of loans:

March 7, 2012	Loan #1 \$100,700 wire transferred to Key Bank Account 8160 Flemming for Congress
June 29, 2012	Loan #2 \$100,000 wire transferred to Key Bank Account 8160 Flemming for Congress
July 5, 2012	Wire Transfer of \$150,000 to Spanky LLC
	Payback of \$100,000 Loan #1 Balance of \$700
	Payback of \$50,000 Loan #2 Balance of \$50,000
February 22, 2013	David Loftus & Stanley Flemming met at Harvester Restaurant, Gig Harbor, WA
• •	Mr. Flemming would not discuss loan payment
April 8, 2013	David Loftus, Stanley Flemming, Martha Flemming, Carol Cain (Campaign Consultant)
	Anthony's Restaurant Bremerton WA would not discuss payment of balance of loan
April 19, 2013	Campaign Dinner for fund raiser
, .b 22, 2020	Meeting of David Loftus, Stanley Flemming, Martha Flemming, Campaign Consultant
	Carol Cain and Steve Cain after fund raiser – determined no 2 nd campaign – Flemming
	would not discuss payment of the balance of the loan at this time even though it was
	past due
April 29, 2013	Stanley Flemming, Carol Cain Clocktower Coffee Shop, Tacoma WA – discussed closing
7.pr. 25, 2525	campaign and loan repayment. There was no commitment from Flemming to payback
	At this time Carol Cain was no longer Campaign Consultant.
June 4, 2013	David Loftus, Carol Cain, Stan Flemming Gig Harbor WA – met for purpose of loan
Julic 4, 2020	payback discussion. Flemming wanted a modification to his name only and for Loftus to
	"forgive" the loan balance. Cain did not think this legal. Loftus submitted to Flemming a
	demand letter – Flemming did not take letter with him said he had an attorney looking
	in to matter
June 9, 2013	David Loftus, Carol Cain, Heather Sidwell Morris – telephone conference regarding loan
June 9, 2015	collection/FEC rules.
luna 20 2012	Stanley Flemming met with Carol Cain turn over keys & materials to Flemming. At that
June 20, 2013	time Cain told Flemming he had to pay back the loan. Flemming told Cain he had it all
	worked out with David Loftus. Loftus was unaware of any agreement.
l	Heather Sidwell Morris; P. A. sent demand letter to Stanley Flemming.
June 28, 2013	
July 8, 2013	Stanley Flemming responded to Ms. Morris with an email that he would have a payment
L.L. 47 2042	plan by July 11, 2013. Ms. Morris informed him a payment plan would not be accepted.
July 17, 2013	30 collection notice sent to Stanley Flemming by Richard Seward, Attn for Spanky LLC
A	and David Loftus
August 30, 2013	Richard Seward received a certified check from Stanley Flemming for \$60,000 which
	completed the payback of the balance of the loan with interest.

- 6. Letter from HSM Law Offices to Stanley Flemming dated June 28, 2013 regarding repayment of loans by Spanky LLC.
 - i. Referenced legal status of CFR § 100.83(a) states that Spanky LLC made the loans within the parameters of CFR § 100.83 (a) (2)

11 CFR 100.83 - Brokerage loans and lines of credit to candidates.

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Conclusions: Spanky LLC made two loans to Flemming for Congress, Stanley Flemming for purposes of a Congressional Campaign for Mr. Flemming 2012. Loans were created, with normal business practices with an 8% interest rate, terms of repayment and penalties if not repaid, from a Limited Liability Corporation, not taxed as a partnership from the State of California. The purpose of the two loans was for a line of credit for needed uses for the Campaign.

No one at Spanky LLC had any input or was directly involved in managing the Flemming for Congress Campaign. Careful consideration was taken as to the conditions that were researched within election laws for this type of a loan.

Spanky LLC is asking that the Commission reverse its findings and instead finds that Spanky LLC *did* conform to Federal Elections Laws and did not violate "contribution" limits within guidelines from the <u>Federal Elections Commission</u> <u>Candidate Guide 2011 for the 2012 campaign season</u>. Spanky LLC, with good faith made 2 loans to the Flemming for Congress Campaign with normal business practices, contractual terms that were standard within the "loan" industry at the time and terms of repayment. These loans were to be used as a "line of credit" for the Campaign. When Mr. Flemming refused repayment on the balance owed, Spanky LLC again used standard business practices, hiring two attorney's to collect said loan balance due and did not "forgive" the loan.

As representative for Spanky LLC, I am asking that the Commission makes a decision in favor of Spanky LLC <u>NOT</u> violating Campaign Finance Laws and instead complied within the Campaign Guidelines provided to Candidates and their Committees.

Regards,

David Loftus Spanky LLC

800 N Whittier Drive

Beverly Hills, California 90210

Attach: State of California Articles of Incorporation

Limited Liability Company IRS Tax Returns for year 2012

Loan Contracts from Spanky LLC to Flemming for Congress/Stanley Flemming

Demand Letter from David Loftus to Flemming for Congress Demand Letter from Law Office of Heather Sidwell Morris

Demand Letter from Richard Seward, PC

List of Loans made Spanky LLC for the year 2012



State of California Secretary of State

Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization

A \$70.00 filing fee must accompany this form.

ENDORSED - FILED In the office of the Secretary of State of the State of California

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SHERRY HACKETT						
4. IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ADDRESS OF INITIAL AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN CALIFOR						
800 NORTH WHITTIER DRIVE	BEVERLY HILLS CA 90210					
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6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED PAGES, IF ANY, IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS CERTIFICATE.						
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See instructions on page 13 of the Form 568 Booklet for more information on how to complete Schedule IW.

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of June 26, 2012 by and between Spanky, LLC, a California limited liability company ("Spanky" or "Lender"), on the one hand, and Flemming for Congress, a federally-registered election committee operating under EIN 30-0710264 ("Committee") and Stanley L. K. Flemming, the election candidate in question ("Candidate"), on the other (each a "Payor" and collectively, "Payors").

- 1. Committee holds a bank account at Key Bank in the state of Washington under account no. 472611018160 at ABA/Routing No. 125000574, pursuant to which the sole signatory is Candidate (the "Account").
- 2. David Loftus ("Loftus"), an individual, is an authorized agent and member of Spanky, entitled to act fully on its behalf.
- 3. Spanky agrees to loan Payors (the "Loan") the sum of \$100,000 (the "Loan Proceeds") under the following terms and conditions, and Payors agree to repay the Loan as provided hereinafter:
 - 3.1 Spanky shall wire the Loan Proceeds to the Account as soon as possible after receiving a signed copy of this Agreement and the attached Promissory Note.
 - 3.2 At any time, upon request of Loftus, Payors shall act to add Loftus as a required signatory on any and all withdrawals from the Account relating to the Loan Proceeds.
 - 3.3 Repayment of the Loan shall be documented by the attached Promissory Note.
 - 3.4 If Loan is repaid prior to due date, there is no prepayment penalty due.

4. General Provisions.

- 4.1 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- 4.2 <u>Attorney's Fees.</u> In the event any dispute arises between any of the parties hereto to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover from the other party all reasonable costs, expenses, attorney's fees and costs actually incurred relating to or arising from such action.
- 4.3 <u>Modification</u>. This Agreement may be modified only by a contract in writing executed by the party(ies) to this Agreement against whom enforcement of such modification is sought.
- 4.4 <u>Notices</u>. Notices under this agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt, if delivered by messenger, facsimile or overnight counter, and if by regular US mail, on the 3rd day following deposit in the US mail, postage prepaid, or via e-mail if no rejection notice is received within 6 hours of sending. All notices shall be sent as follows:

If to Spanky: Spanky LLC 800 N. Whittier Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 If to Committee
Flemming for Congress
7619 Chambers Creek Dr W
University Place, WA 98467

If to Candidate:

Stanley L. K. Flemming 7615 Chambers Creek Drive W University Place, WA 98467

- 4.5 <u>Prior Understanding.</u> This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties to this Agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, is intended as a final expression of such parties' agreement, is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of such agreement, and supersedes all negotiations, stipulations, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties, if any, with respect to such subject matter, which precede the execution of this Agreement.
- 4.6 <u>Successors-in-Interest and Assigns</u>. Subject to any restriction on transferability contained in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors-in-interest and permitted assigns of each party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Paragraph shall create any rights enforceable by any person not a party to this Agreement, except for the rights of the successors-in-interest and assigns of each party to this Agreement; unless such rights are expressly granted in this Agreement to other specifically identified persons.
 - 4.7 Effectiveness. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Spanky, LLC	Flemming for Congress
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PROMISSORY NOTE

Amount: \$100,000 Date: June 26, 2012

1. For value received Flemming for Congress, a federally-registered election committee operating under EIN 30-0710264 ("Committee") and Stanley L. K. Flemming, the election candidate in question ("Candidate"), jointly and severally (collectively. "Payor") shall pay to Spanky, LLC, a California limited liability company ("Holder") at such place or places or to such other party or parties as Holder may from time to time designate, the principal sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) (the "Loan"), payable in cash as set forth

- 2. The Loan will bear interest per annum at a rate of eight percent (8%) per annum, accruing from the date the Loan is funded.
- The principal amount of the Loan and all accrued interest shall be paid in full no later than December 31, 2012.
- 4. This Note may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time, without penalty. Interest will be included if prepaid after 30 days from date of wire transfer deposit.
- 5. This Note is unsecured, but subject to the terms of the Loan Agreement to which this Note is attached, and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 6. The occurrence of any one of more of the following shall constitute an event of default hereunder (the "Event of Default"):
- 6.1 Payor shall fail to pay any amount due under this Note within fifteen (15) days after the due date thereof:
- 6.2 Payor shall be adjudicated a bankrupt or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, debt adjustment, receivership, liquidation or dissolution proceedings shall be instituted by or against it and, if instituted adversely, Payor consents to the same or admits in writing the material allegations thereof or said proceedings shall remain undismissed for ninety (90) days.
- 7. If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, and if Holder so elects, notice of election being expressly waived, the principal and all accrued interest remaining unpaid shall at once become due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or further notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by Payor.
- 8. Payor expressly waives any diligence, presentment, protest and demand, notice of protest dishonor and nonpayment of this Note and all other notices of any kind, except as otherwise provided herein, and expressly agrees that this Note, or any payment hereunder, may be extended from time to time without in any way affecting the liability of Payor.
- 9. This Note has been executed and delivered in the State of California and is to be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws thereof.
- 10. No single or partial exercise of any power hereunder shall preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power. No delay or omission on the part of Holder in exercising any right hereunder or other agreement shall operate as a waiver of such right or of any other right under this Note. The release of any party liable under this Note shall not operate to release any other party liable hereon.
- 11. Any provision of this Note that is declared invalid, Illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall not affect in any way the remaining provisions hereof in such jurisdiction or render that or any other provision of this Note invalid, Illegal or unenforceable in any other jurisdiction.

Executed and delivered by the undersigned as of June 26, 2012.

Flemming for Congress

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Name: Stanley L. K. Flemming

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Stanley L. K. Flemming

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Notice of Default and Demand on Promissory Note

June 28, 2013

Flemming for Congress 7619 Chambers Creek Dr W University Place, WA 98467

Stanley L. K. Flemming 7619 Chambers Creek Drive W University Place, WA 98467

RE: Default on Promissory Note due December 31, 2012

Dear Mr. Flemming:

This letter will serve as formal notice that you are in default under the terms of the promissory note dated June 26, 2012, for failure to make payments due thereunder on December 31, 2012.

The promissory note was executed in the amount of \$100,000 plus 8% interest per annum, accruing from the date the loan was funded (June 29, 2012). On July 5, 2012, \$50,000 of the promissory note was paid to Spanky LLC, leaving a balance of \$50,000 due and payable on December 31, 2012.

Whereas \$50,000 was prepaid within 30 days of the note, interest accrues on the amount past due from the date of loan: \$50,000 at 8% per annum from June 29, 2012, to present.

Flemming for Congress and Stanley L. K. Flemming are the makers of this note and are now in default of the \$50,000 payment that was due December 31, 2012.

Demand is hereby made upon you for payment of the full amount due. If payment is not received by Spanky LLC, David Loftus as Executor, within ten (10) days of this notice, we will proceed to enforce our rights under the promissory note for collection of the entire balance due, interest due and attorney's fees caused by this default.

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David Loftus for Spanky/LLC



Law Offices of Heather Sidwell Morris, P.A.

June 28, 2013

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND POSTAL DELIVERY

Stanley L. K. Flemming 7619 Chambers Creek Drive W University Place, WA 98467

RE: 2012 Loans to Stanley L.K. Flemming and Flemming for Congress

Dear Mr. Flemming:

I represent Spanky, LLC in connection with federal campaign finance matters, and write to you regarding the loans made by Spanky, LLC to you and your authorized political committee in 2012.

Pursuant to 11 CFR § 100.83(a), Spanky, LLC executed two loans to you and your authorized political committee, Flemming for Congress, in connection with your 2012 bid for Washington's 10th District congressional seat. The first loan agreement and promissory note was executed on March 6, 2012, in the amount of \$100,700 with an 8% interest rate per annum. The loan was due December 31, 2012. The second loan agreement and promissory note was executed on June 26, 2012, in the amount of \$100,000 with an 8% interest rate per annum. This loan was also due December 31, 2012.

On July 5, 2012, the Flemming for Congress committee made a payment of \$150,000, leaving more than \$50,000 plus accruing interest remaining unpaid. There have been no additional payments made to date, and despite numerous attempts to renegotiate a payment schedule for the remaining past-due balance, my client has not received a commitment from you or your authorized political committee. The remaining balance on the loaned funds is now seven (7) months overdue, and interest continues to accrue.

As I am sure you are aware, to the extent that there is an outstanding balance on a loan, it may be considered a prohibited contribution under federal campaign finance regulations. See 11 CFR§ 100.52(b)(2). Further, while federal regulations permit authorized political committees to settle certain types of debts for less than the original amount, bank loans and lines of credit to political committees are not subject to such debt settlement or forgiveness. See 11 CFR § 116.7(b); see Explanation & Justification: Debts Owed by Candidates and Political Committees, 55 Fed. Reg. 26378, 26384 (June 27, 1990); Explanation & Justification: Loans from Lending Institutions to Candidates and Political Committees, 56 Fed. Reg. 67118, 67121 (Dec. 27, 1991).

At no time and under no circumstances did Spanky, LLC intend to make a political contribution to the Flemming for Congress political committee. Indeed, Spanky, LLC acted in good faith to execute a loan agreement and promissory note that in all respects complied with the tenets of federal regulations and fully expects the remaining balance on the loaned funds to be paid in full. That said, my client cannot help but be concerned about the implications of the remaining past-due balance of the loaned funds to the extent that it may be considered a contribution.

Attached to this letter is a Notice of Default and Demand on Promissory Note ("Notice and Demand") officially notifying you that you are in default of your loan obligations to Spanky, LLC. The Notice and Demand demands payment of all past-due amounts within ten (10) days. The 10-day window expires Monday, July 8, 2013. At that time, if you and your committee have not responded to the Notice and Demand, Spanky, LLC will be forced to pursue all legal remedies available to it.

It is imperative that you and your committee respond to the Notice and Demand immediately in order to close this matter and avoid any potentially negative ramifications, including possible enforcement actions by the FEC.

Please contact me at (202) 680-8833 or <u>heather@hsmcounsel.com</u> to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,

Heather Sidwell Morris

cc: David Loftus (Spanky, LLC)

Attachment

Law Offices of Richard D. Seward, PC

Attorneys at Law

1001 4th Ave Plaza, Ste 3200 Seattle, WA 98154 (206) 684-9369

Remit to Port Orchard Office

6610 Gleneagle Ave SW Port Orchard, WA 98367 (360) 876-6425

July 17, 2013

Mr. Stan L. K. Flemming 7619 Chambers Creek Road West University Place, WA 98467

Re:

2012 Loans to Stanley L.K. Flemming and Flemming for Congress

Dear Mr. Flemming:

David Loftus, on behalf of Spanky, LLC ("Spanky"), has directed us to write to you concerning an unpaid obligation on a promissory note. This letter pertains to collection of a debt and any information provided herein or obtained from you will be used for that purpose. We are acting as a debt collector for Spanky. <u>Currently, you have an outstanding balance of \$55,583.56 with accrued interest through July 31, 2013</u>. This balance does not include the attorney fees that have been incurred by Spanky to date. We will assume the amount stated is correct unless you notify me within 30 days after receiving this letter that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof. If you dispute the debt, or any portion thereof, in writing within 30 days of receiving this letter, we will obtain verification of the debt and mail you a copy of such verification.

Spanky is entitled to initiate a lawsuit against you to collect validated delinquent amounts. Should such an action be necessary, you will also be liable for interest and costs of collection, including additional attorney fees. However, whether or not litigation is initiated, until this matter is resolved the actual attorney fees and costs incurred in collecting this debt will be charged to your account and added to your unpaid balance on a monthly basis. This means that the sooner the validated delinquent balance is paid, the less additional sums you will have to pay in attorney fees and costs.

Unless we hear from you disputing the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within 30 days after receipt of this letter, please send me a check made payable to Spanky, LLC in the amount stated above. Your account will also be assessed a minimum legal charge of \$5,273.95 for any validated delinquent amount. If this matter is not otherwise resolved after verification of the debt or by payment, Spanky reserves its right to bring a lawsuit against you.

Richard D. Seward WSBA #21628

Loans Made by Spanky LLC

Fiscal Year 2012

<u>Entity</u>	Commitment Date	Funding Date	Amount
Ofsink	February	03/02/2012	100,000.00
Flemming	February	03/07/2012	100,700.00
My Health Pass, LLC	February	03/23/2012	100,000.00
Options Media	February	04/05/2012	95,000.00
RHL Group		05/17/2012	20,000.00
Flemming		06/29/2012	100,000.00
My Medical Record, Inc	May	07/02/2012	20,000.00
Keith St. Clair		07/09/2012	5,000.00
Granite State Capital	June	07/09/2012	60,000.00
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Keith St Clair		07/24/2012	6,000.00
Keith St Clair		09/18/2012	3,500.00

PROMISSORY NOTE

Amount: \$100,700

Date: March 6, 2012

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Executed and delivered by the undersigned as of March 7, 2011.

Flemming for Congress

Name:

Title: /htw/2008

tanley L. K. Flemming

LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of March 6, 2012 by and between Spanky, LLC, a California limited liability company ("Spanky" or "Lender"), on the one hand, and Flemming for Congress, a federally-registered election committee operating under EIN 30-0710264 ("Committee") and Stanley L. K. Flemming, the election candidate in question ("Candidate"), on the other (each a "Payor" and collectively, "Payors").

- 1. Committee holds a bank account at Key Bank in the state of Washington under account no. 472611018160 at ABA/Routing No. 125000574, pursuant to which the sole signatory is Candidate (the "Account").
- 2. David Loftus ("Loftus"), an individual, is an authorized agent and member of Spanky, entitled to act fully on its behalf.
- 3. Spanky agrees to loan Payors (the "Loan") the sum of \$100,700 (the "Loan Proceeds") under the following terms and conditions, and Payors agree to repay the Loan as provided hereinafter:
- 3.1 Spanky shall wire the Loan Proceeds to the Account as soon as possible after receiving a signed copy of this Agreement and the attached Promissory Note.
- 3.2 At any time, upon request of Loftus, Payors shall act to add Loftus as a required signatory on any and all withdrawals from the Account relating to the Loan Proceeds.
- 3.3 Upon receipt of the Loan Proceeds, Payors shall therefrom immediately remit the sum of \$700.00 to attorney Mark S. Dodge by sending a check payable to him to 21039 Mendenhall Court, Topanga, CA 90290, but the balance, \$100,000, shall remain intact fully and held in the Account until the Loan is repaid.
 - 3.4 Repayment of the Loan shall be documented by the attached Promissory Note.

4. General Provisions.

- 4.1 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- 4.2 Attorney's Fees. In the event any dispute arises between any of the parties hereto to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover from the other party all reasonable costs, expenses, attorney's fees and costs actually incurred relating to or arising from such action.
- 4.3 <u>Modification</u>. This Agreement may be modified only by a contract in writing executed by the party(ies) to this Agreement against whom enforcement of such modification is sought.
- 4.4 <u>Notices</u>. Notices under this agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt, if delivered by messenger, facsimile or overnight courier, and if by regular US mail, on the 3rd day following deposit in the US mail, postage prepaid, or via e-mail if no rejection notice is received within 6 hours of sending.. All notices shall be sent as follows:

If to Spanky: Spanky LLC 800 N. Whittier Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 If to Committee
Flemming for Congress
7619 Chambers Creek Dr W
University Place, WA 98467

If to Candidate:

Stanley L. K. Flemming 7619 Chambers Creek Drive W University Place, WA 98467

- 4.5 <u>Prior Understanding</u>. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties to this Agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, is intended as a final expression of such parties' agreement, is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of such agreement, and supersedes all negotiations, stipulations, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties, if any, with respect to such subject matter, which precede the execution of this Agreement.
- 4.6 <u>Successors-in-Interest and Assigns.</u> Subject to any restriction on transferability contained in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors-in-interest and permitted assigns of each party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Paragraph shall create any rights enforceable by any person not a party to this Agreement, except for the rights of the successors-in-interest and assigns of each party to this Agreement, unless such rights are expressly granted in this Agreement to other specifically identified persons.
 - 4.7 <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Spanky, LLC

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Name: DAVIA LOFTOS

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